

May 7, 2003

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Thomas D. Watkins, Jr., Chairman

SUBJECT: Approval to Forward the Report to the Legislature on the Innovative Program  
Demonstration Grants (IPDG)

Section 710 of the Department of Education Appropriations Act for FY 2001, (P.A. 263 of 2000) requires the following:

The department shall compile the information received under subsection (4) and submit a report to the house and senate standing committees on education, the house and senate appropriations subcommittees on the department of education, the house and senate fiscal agencies, and the state board of education. The reports shall be posted on the department's website.

(4) The report filed under this subsection shall include all of the following for each program:

- (a) A description of the program and what steps were taken to implement the program.
- (b) Any statistical data available before and after the funding period regarding the target area of the program.
- (c) An analysis of the effectiveness of each program component.
- (d) An analysis of the overall impact the program had on the students, school, community, and parents.
- (e) The decision and reasoning as to why the program will be either continued or terminated after grant funding has ended.

To meet this legislative mandate, the attached legislative report has been prepared summarizing two years of IPDG implementation. Findings in the report are drawn from final narrative reports completed by the 21 IPDG grants. The legislative report will be made available to the public on the department's website.

Attachments

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